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SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: 69024-86574728@requests.muckrock.com

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Re: 2019-STFO-00045

Dear Mr. Kick:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your February 20, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), for:

1. Your agency's FOIA request log covering 2018, which includes a field showing the subject of each request and a field for the final disposition.

This office received your request on February 20, 2019.

Due to the increasing number of FOIA requests received by this office, we may encounter some delay in processing your request. Consistent with 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(a) of the DHS FOIA regulations, the Department processes FOIA requests according to their order of receipt. Although DHS' goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period in certain circumstances pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Part 5 § 5.5(c).

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations, as they apply to media requesters. As a media requester, you will be charged 10 cents per page for duplication; the first 100 pages are free. We will construe the submission of your request as an agreement to pay up to \$25.00. This office will contact you before accruing any further fees.

We have queried the appropriate division(s) of S&T for responsive records. If any responsive records are located, they will be reviewed for determination of releasability. Please be assured that one of the analysts in our office will respond to your request as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

Your request has been assigned reference number **2019-STFO-00045**. Please refer to this identifier in any future correspondence. The status of your FOIA request is now available online and can be accessed at: <https://www.dhs.gov/foia-status>, by using this FOIA request number. Status information is updated daily. Alternatively, you can download the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, the free app is available for all Apple and Android devices. With the DHS eFOIA Mobile App, you can submit FOIA requests or check the status of requests, access all of the content on the FOIA website, and receive updates anytime, anywhere.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **2019-STFO-00045**. This office can be reached at 202-254-5700.

Sincerely,

Erica Talley

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